

GENRES

Students learn to identify genres of films and books

Zone In

One Minute Review

1. Ask a volunteer Reviewer to review a CD, TV show, book, movie, etc.
2. Give 2 minutes to think.
3. Give 1 minute to present: facts (who, what), opinions, recommendations.
4. Ask if others know the thing reviewed. Do they agree/disagree? Want to follow the recommendation?

Topic

Classifying films and books by genre

(Materials: **Genres** ♦♦♦)

Introduction

What does "genre" mean? Give students a chance to define it in their own words and give examples, if possible. (Answer: A category or type of communication. Genre is commonly used to talk about books and movies.)

Explain: Different types of films and literature, and also music and art, can be classified by genre. Common genres of movies and books are:

- Horror
- Historical/Biographical
- Comedy
- Action
- Romance

Discuss: What types of films are these? If you have never heard of them, use the titles to help guess.

- The Matrix
- Titanic
- Lord of the Rings
- The Day After Tomorrow
- Star Wars
- Shrek
- Pearl Harbor
- Selena
- Ten Things I Hate About You

Activity

Matching handout. Distribute **Genres ♦♦♦**. Students may work individually or in pairs. Discuss the answers.

Answers Matching: (1) E; (2) D; (3) A; (4) C; (5) B; (6) F

Answers Fill in: (A) Lucy; (B) Bryn; (C) Jane; (D) Calvin

Wrap Up

Have you read any “Harry Potter” books? Did you see either of the films? What genre do you think this series is? Can a story fall into more than one genre?



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Activity 1: Matching

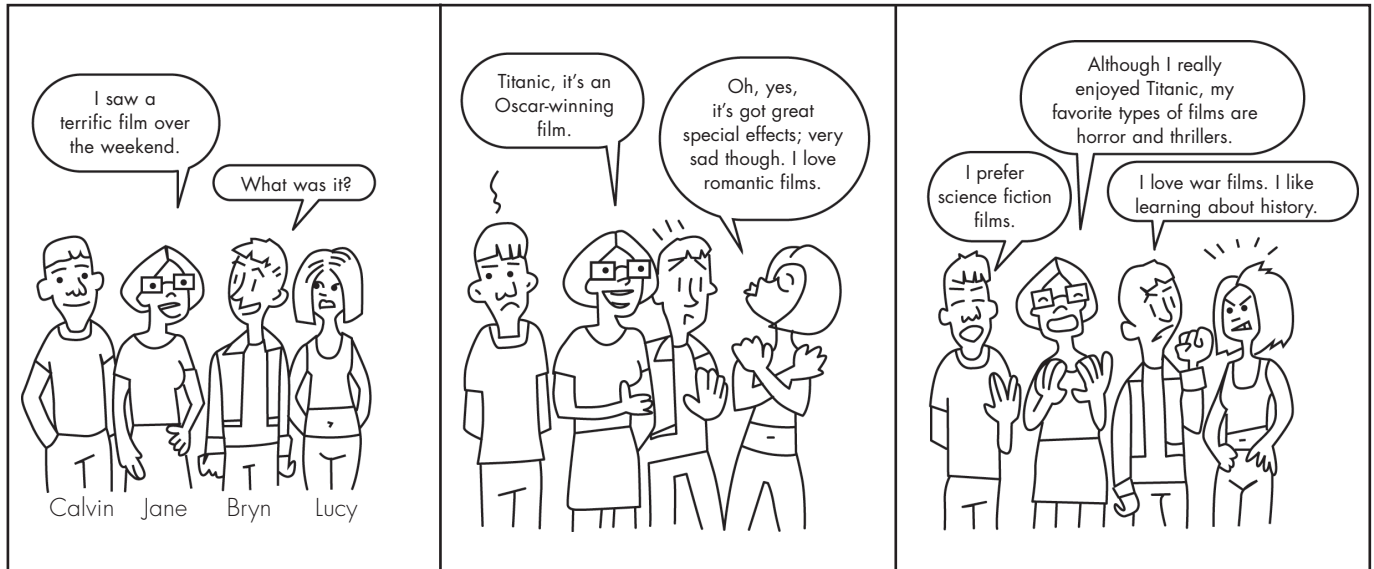
Put the letter of the genre next to the description it fits.

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| A) Horror | D) Historical | G) Comedy |
| B) Science Fiction | E) Romance | H) Thriller |
| C) Action | F) War | |

- _____ A love story. The main characters typically fall in love but their relationships usually have some difficulties.
- _____ A story set in the past with costumes and scenery of Fiction that time. May be based on the life of a real person.
- _____ A story that might include monsters, ugly creatures, and blood, with lots of special effects to frighten you.
- _____ A fast-paced, exciting story. Often, the main character is a hero trying to save the world from evil.
- _____ A story set in the future that often has fantastic twists.
- _____ A story with lots of suspense, psychological tricks, and mystery.
- _____ A story with funny situations and witty dialogues.
- _____ Battles and bravery, often based on true events, are the main features of this type of story.

Activity 2: Fill In

The four teenagers in the cartoon below have each decided to rent a video for the evening. Which person would choose which film from the list? Write the name next to their film.



- A. Romeo and Juliet _____
- B. Gladiator _____
- C. The Ring _____
- D. Alien v. Predator _____

Activity 3: Brainstorm

Books can also be classified into genres. Write down the titles of the first five books you can think of. Use the definitions in Activity 1 to help you classify them.

TITLE

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